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**THE ANNALS OF ALEXANDRIA.**  
BY W. F. CARNE.  
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CHAPTER VI.

**THE MATERIALS THAT MADE ALEXANDRIA.**  
1728. By 1728 the tobacco producing bands already extended far above the site of Alexandria, so that it was too far to carry the tobacco down to the warehouse at Quantico creek. So this year the Colonial Assembly directed the placing of a new tobacco warehouse "at Arthur Broadwater's land, on Hunting creek," but Broadwater's land was found inconvenient and the warehouse was built about 1730, "on Simon Pearson's land." Other documents point to a hill which stood not many years since near the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire depot as the location. Indeed, the exact spot could not have been more than twenty yards from the present site of the City Gas Works.

A portion of the old hill has been cut away within the last ten years. The old bakery which surrounded it within that period bore evidence that the hill there had once been very lofty. That hill top extended as an unbroken plateau from Orop-ko creek and marsh, (which has since dwindled into the gut,) on the north and northwest, to the river shore on the east, and to what was called White Oak swamp, on the south and southwest. It had an average height of from ten to twenty feet above the streets as they now exist in the section of the city which stands on that hill. To the east the contour of the hill corresponded with that of the river beach, to which it descended as precipitously as the hill beside Mr. Smith's lime kiln, on the north end of the town to the shore there. The river then turned eaves in front of the hill similar to those it makes north and south of it. Beginning at what we call Fishhook it curved in to the foot of the Mansion House, and then curving again ran cut to the Pioneer Mills, and made there another small cove near the ship-yard. I have been particular in thus marking the general topography of this hill, because we will find that the original plan the town was shaped to suit the ground, not as afterwards cutting and shaping the ground to suit the town.

We may well imagine that the tobacco or rolling house, as it used to be called, was the centre of the neighborhood. It was the general storehouse for the crops. Here the foreign ships came. Here the planter met the outer world. It was a bank of deposit, for it received all the wealth of the neighborhood. It was a bank of circulation, and its notes were the common currency of the colony. All colonial transactions were made out in sterling bill in pounds of tobacco. The governor's salary, the laborer's pay, and even the marriage fee, was rated in tobacco. Not as one might think was the articles carried about and these payments made actually in the tobacco itself, but in tobacco notes or certificates of the deposit of a certain amount of tobacco in a public warehouse; for instance, a planter would roll 20,000 lbs. of tobacco to the warehouse and receive therefor £100 to £200 tobacco notes. These notes passed current even among merchants, and upon their presentation at the warehouse the required amount of tobacco could be drawn. So they served for a certain rough species of currency.

A hamlet created by the needs of the comers to the new warehouse soon began to grow around it, and its fine harbor at once suggested the name Bell Haven, and so about 1732, we had the nucleus of Alexandria. I have heard, and I believe truly, that the log cabins which many years since stood on the sites of Sarcapa Hall and Washington Hall were the last remnants of Old Bell Haven. They served it as an inn for the Tobacco Rollers. The process of tobacco rolling may be new to many and I will give an account of it extracted from one of the most trustworthy of our Virginia Annals. Rolling Tobacco was bringing it to the warehouse. The primitive method used for this transportation was curious. The tobacco hoghead was actually rolled to market on its own circumference through mud and stream. A long wooden spike driven into the centre of each end and projecting a few inches beyond served for an axle. A split sapling was fitted to fit shafts, and extended to the rear of the hoghead forming a sort of four-board or box, on which were stowed a mid-dling or two of bacon, a bag of meal and a try-paw on an axle, blankets for the men, covered to some height with fodder for the quadrupeds. If the distance to market was moderate, the hogheads was rolled on its hoops, but if fifty or a hundred miles were to be overcome rough rollers were spiked on the each end or quarter of the cask and these rude tires served to protect it from being worn through. At night, the tobacco-roller kuddled a fire from his rifle priming, fried his bacon, made his hoe-cake and with the source of a good appetite, enjoyed his meal with the tobacco as the great "dinner out" living. The tobacco delivered at the warehouse and the requisite tobacco notes safe in his wallet, he trotted the horses all the more briskly back that there was no main behind them. Long trains of these tobacco rollers wound, a hundred years ago, over these hills and refreshed themselves at our first inn.

As before mentioned the building of these tobacco warehouses was a matter of very considerable importance to the riverside community. The earliest known builder of these houses in this neighborhood was John Summers, the ancestor of the well-known Geo. W. Summers, of West Virginia, and of the families of Messrs. John and Wesley Summers, Capt. W. B. Price and others.  
From a manuscript left by Judge Lewis Summers, of Kanawha county, Va., the following sketch of the old pioneer is taken:  
"John Summers, the son of an English Protestant family, was born on the Patuxent river, in Maryland, in 1697. He came to Virginia when quite a young man, built a cabin on the Potomac, where the town of Alexandria now stands. The land was then vacant; appropriations, not having extended far from the bay, and mouths of the principal rivers. The country between that part of the Potomac and Blue Ridge was the hunting grounds of the Indians, abounding with deer, bears, wolves and other game. His early years were spent in hunting, but as emigrants began to flock in,

the usual struggles commenced between the settlers and the aborigines, for the occupancy of the country, and Mr. Summers was an active leader and pioneer for the whites, in the various campaigns undertaken for the removal of the Indians west of the Blue Ridge. When the country began to receive some population, he married a Mrs. Blake, by whom he had five sons and five daughters, Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. Deshires, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Saster, and Mrs. Ballinger. As the culture of tobacco began to spread to this part of the colony, he became a builder of tobacco houses. They were framed buildings, forty feet square and ten to the roof, weather boarded, and covered with rough boards, commonly called clap boards. Taking the material from the forest, erecting and finishing two of those houses was the work of himself and two negro men whom he owned, and had instructed for all the working part of the year, and for which he received £10 for each house. In those days he considered this a thriving business. Hunting was his favorite employment, and in his latter days, he took pleasure in regaling his friends with anecdotes of the chase, his Indian campaigns, and incidents of his early life. He seems to have been like Boone, regardless of the acquisition of land, tinking the taxes, quit rents, &c., more burdensome than the lands would be beneficial, and which he illustrated by the refusal of a deed from the patentees of the land on which Alexandria now stands, and on which he resided, in exchange for his favorite rifle. He used to say he did not know how he was to provide for his family without his rifle to kill game, but as to land, it was too plenty to think of buying it.

"Mr. John Summers lived to see Alexandria become a place of considerable commercial importance, and frequently adverted to his cabin being the first building ever erected there, and that the first frame house put up at that place was prepared and framed by himself and hauled to the site it was to occupy on his own land above Through Hill.

"He was a man of very robust constitution, broad in the chest, powerful in limb, and about five feet ten inches high. He was too far advanced in years to take part in the revolution, but many of his descendants were in the army, some as officers and others in the ranks. He retained his faculties to the last and strength in a remarkable degree, and was appealed to on all questions of title and boundaries of the early surveys. Within the last ten years of his life he was accustomed to walk from six to eight miles a day visiting his children, often accompanied by his grand son. He exercised freely on foot until within about a year of his death, when he received a fall which dislocated his hip, and was afterwards confined to his bed, where the recital of the Liturgy and the prayers of the church occupied the time when he was alone. He was remarkable for the strength of his jaws and teeth. When upwards of eighty years of age observing a bog unable to crack a walnut, he washed it in the mouth, bilious attacks, palpitation of the heart, pain in the region of the kidneys, despondency, gloom and forebodings of evil, all of which are the offspring of a diseased liver.

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